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## 300 See Seniors Get Diplomas At Commencement

### "Pursuit of An Ideal" Discussed By Speaker At Graduation Exercises

With three hundred relatives and friends in attendance, Farmington High School's class of 1923 bade farewell to their classrooms Monday evening. For some years, however, it will be but a temporary absence from study, a number of the class planning to attend higher schools of learning next fall.

An address that offered counsel to the graduates indirectly through its glimpses of life rather than directly was delivered by Prof. John L. Brumm, head of the Department of Journalism of the University of Michigan.

"Although it may often seem one of life's tragedies, it is yet one of life's blessings that the ideals for which we strive are never quite reached," said Prof. Brumm. "It is most fortunate that they always remain just a little beyond the reach of our hands that would seize and crush them to pieces."

"It seems to me, however, that the greatest of all life's tragedies is that every one of us must spend all of our lives within our own souls. The challenge that comes, then, is for us to make that soul as fine a place to live in as we can find it within our power to do."

That no man can enter be "too big for his job" was illustrated by the speaker with a story of an accomplished young college man who had gone out into the woods, five miles from a railroad, to teach a backwoods school and had there developed a remarkable community spirit, accomplishing things which the University had been unable to do with students at Ann Arbor.

Prof. Brumm's address, which was interspersed with much humor, was well received by the commencement audience.

The commencement march was played by the high school orchestra. Rev. Elmer W. Palmer gave the invocation, and Edward Eaton of the high school faculty sang two solos. Following Prof. Brumm's address, Miss A. Richardson offered vocal solos.

Principal A. R. Crawford presented the graduating class, the first with which he has spent four years in Farmington, to Mrs. Emil Roos, president of the Board of Education. Mrs. Roos presented the diplomas to the seniors.

Give "Book Diplomas" The diplomas, presented this year are a departure from the usual type, being in book form. Each diploma is placed in a red silk covered "book" with the name of the recipient stamped in gold on the front cover.

The diplomas are signed by Mrs. Roos as president of the Board of Education, Mrs. Florence Lee, secretary, and Arthur Lamb, treasurer. The diplomas were signed by the Board members at the meeting last Thursday evening.

## WEST POINT PARK MEETS ITS FIRST DEFEAT OF YEAR

### Hamtramck Conquers Home Team By Score Of 13 To 7; Return Game Next Sunday

Defeated for the first time this season by the City of Hamtramck last Sunday, West Point Park's baseball team will endeavor to turn the tables next Sunday in a return game. The contest will be played at Hamtramck.

The teams last Sunday were more evenly matched than the 13 to 7 score indicates. West Point Park made only one less hit than Hamtramck Parks, in the box for the home team, appeared to be a bit off form, however, and the visitors scored at opportune times.

Carl Goers, who is always at his best in hot weather, is expected to pitch against Hamtramck Sunday. The defeat last Sunday ended a winning streak of 10 straight games for West Point Park.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bradt have moved to a home on the outskirts of Almont.

## Baptist Church To Break Ground For New Sunday School Building



SUPT. H. C. GLEISS

## Family Misses Crash By Moment

### Woman and Children Walk Away Just Before Parked Car Is Wrecked

Members of the family of Bernard Bette and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Kahl of Redford probably missed serious injuries by a few minutes Monday evening when the Kahl machine, parked in front of the Banfield home on Grand River avenue, was struck and wrecked.

The families had just returned to the Banfield home from the Commencement exercises when a car driven by Edward Betke, 20, 2701 1/2 Fenkel avenue, Detroit, crashed into the Kahl machine. Betke was driving east on Grand River, apparently at a high rate of speed.

Betke's machine plowed into the parked car, which was a much larger automobile and pushed it along the pavement for more than a foot, driving it up against another parked auto, a sedan owned by C. A. E. Schmitt.

A hole a foot in diameter was torn into the rear of the Kahl machine, on the left side of the body. The car driven by Betke apparently glanced off, then plunged again into the left side of the Kahl machine, near the front. The three cars were locked tight together.

Betke told police that he had fallen asleep momentarily. He was driving a car owned by the St. Francis Home in Detroit, by which he is employed. Betke is said to have admitted taking the car a practically new sedan without permission. Several other young men were with him, but none were injured.

Police communicated with officials of the orphanage. The latter were surprised to learn that the machine was away from their garage. Betke was taken into custody and taken to Pontiac.

Mrs. Karl and her children had stepped from beside their car but a few moments before the crash. "Truck Driver" Hamilton, 2219 Owen street, Detroit, driving a smart roadster and accompanied by two young ladies, observed the law as he approached the red light at Orchard Lake road and Grand River Tuesday night shortly before midnight. A moment later he almost wished he had violated the law and passed the signal.

Behind Owen on Grand River, eastbound, came Daniel J. McGowan of Grand Rapids, driving a truck and semi-body trailer. The truck crashed into the rear of the roadster, throwing it to the north side of the intersection. The truck then struck a telephone pole.

Police were called, and in the cab, the reported, Deputy Lee Doyle found two pint bottles of whiskey, both full, and another partly filled.

According to Deputy William Tamm, McGowan denied that he had been driving the truck. Police declared they had numerous witnesses, among them Farmington residents, who asserted McGowan was the driver.

McGowan was taken to Pontiac and lodged in the County Jail, on a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor. Neither Owen, driving the roadster, nor his companions, Margaret York, 18440 Third avenue, and Alice

## Orchard Lake Rd. To Be Extended In Near Future

### Connection With Merriman Road To Provide Through Highway

The "dead-end" of Orchard Lake road at Grand River is to be opened up and the road extended southward in the near future from Farmington Junction over a new right-of-way, according to well-authenticated reports. The plan is understood to be based on the fact that Orchard Lake road, extended straight south from Farmington Junction, would connect in Wayne County with the important Merriman road, making it a possible building a few miles of highway to provide another much-needed through north-and-south road from Pontiac to southwestern portion of the Detroit Metropolitan area.

While it has been regarded for some time with certainty that eventually the Orchard Lake road would be extended south, the report is that of late the officials in charge of road development have come to look upon this proposed connection with greatly increased interest. So impressed are they, it is said, that the preliminary work may be started very soon, and the project may be begun in earnest within the coming year.

This road would, it is believed, have a number of advantages over other highway between Pontiac and towns to the southwest, and also Toledo, not excluding the Telegraph road superhighway. While Middle Bell road, only a short distance to the east, is paved for many miles southward down into Huron Township, it cannot provide a direct route to or from Pontiac, its north end being blocked by Pine Lake. One point in the superiority of Orchard Lake road over Telegraph road lies in the fact that the heavy traffic along and crossing that highway, already developing at a rapid rate, would be avoided.

The start on Grand River The first work done by the State on the new Grand River program adopted two weeks ago was begun early this week, when workmen started filling in the open spaces between the car tracks and the strips of pavement in the city. Crushed stone was laid from the lumber yard to the curve of the tracks at the terminus.

The space between the rails has not yet been filled in. It is expected that the State Highway Department will advertise soon for bids on the widening work.

A little interest shown Little interest was shown in the proposal for building the Farmington road straight north across the valley from Shiawassee street Wednesday evening, when a meeting was to have been held at the City of Farmington. Only a few citizens appeared and talked over the matter informally.

## CLARENCEVILLE ODDFELLOWS PLAN 'BIGGEST BIRTHDAY'

### Officers of Grand Lodge To Confer Degrees On Class Of 100

The largest birthday celebration since the Clarenceville Lodge No. 1, O. O. F. No. 427, was organized is being planned by the lodge for Saturday evening, June 22. The Grand Lodge of Michigan will honor the Clarenceville lodge's 40th birthday by conferring a degree on a class of 100 more candidates. The lodge itself has a class of 40, one for each year that one of the members has been an Oddfellow, the member being George March, past grand. Other lodges will furnish the remaining candidates.

Grand officers of the State lodge will come to Clarenceville to confer the degree. Among them will be Henry S. Seenev, grand master, past grand sire Herbert Thompson, deputy grand master and grand secretary, Frank Rogers, "father of the lodge," grand warden Francis A. Kulp, grand chaplain Rev. R. T. Kilpatrick, past grand master Miles Gray, and William Ford, president of the I. O. O. F. home board at Jackson.

The committee in charge of the event for Clarenceville lodge are: Willis T. Roberts, chairman; John Uhlig, assistant chairman; Walter Heedler, Archie Rolfe, Grand Officers, Oscar Reed, Don Parks, Horace Chandler, Ashley Rolfe, Walter Durham, and E. Shepperd.

Dinner will be served by Edgewood Rebekah Lodge, from six until eight o'clock. The committee are: Willis T. Roberts, chairman; John Uhlig, assistant chairman; Walter Heedler, Archie Rolfe, Grand Officers, Oscar Reed, Don Parks, Horace Chandler, Ashley Rolfe, Walter Durham, and E. Shepperd.

Prizes in the flag-essay contest sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Farmington American Legion post have been awarded to the winners, Helen Burrows and Lewis Mas.

Gill, 751 West Philadelphia, Detroit, were injured, McGowan, arraigned before Judge J. J. Schulte Thursday morning, pleaded not guilty. Trial will be next Tuesday afternoon.

## School District 6 Votes On Bond Issue

Elector of School District No. 6, Farmington Township, were to vote on a \$50,000 bond issue for purchase of a site and erecting of a school building or buildings Thursday evening.

A special meeting was called by the Board of Education for the purpose. A bond issue proposed some months ago was defeated by the voters.

## Antiques Theft Still Unsolved

### No Clues Found In Robbery At Home Of Mrs. Jessie Lee

Although days have passed since the discovery of ransacking of the home of Mrs. Jessie Lee, on Grand River avenue, the question as to how the intruders obtained entrance and managed to carry off a large quantity of antiques remains as mysterious as ever.

Four antique chairs, one of rosewood, a large quantity of old dishes of considerable value, a Paisley shawl, two silk shawls and a seaskin coat were taken. Nearly all of the missing things are unusual objects much sought by collectors of antiques.

When the robbery occurred it was a puzzling matter as to how it was accomplished. Mrs. Lee was away for most of the winter and spring.

Except for one day about three weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely, Mrs. Lee's neighbors on the west, have been at home every day an evening. When they returned after being away that day, they noticed that one of the window shades in Mrs. Lee's home was pulled all the way down, whereas before it had been several inches above the bottom of the window.

The Elys believed that Mrs. Lee had been out from Detroit, where she was visiting her sisters, and had pulled down the shades. Mr. Ely is of the opinion that the robbery occurred that day.

When Mrs. Lee came out last week, she at once missed some dishes from a cabinet. Further investigation showed that the house had been ransacked from top to bottom.

Not only did the intruders carry off a large load of goods, but they took the front door key with them when they went out. The door was found locked.

A possible clue to the thieves is seen in the fact that M. Byron Pierce recalls that while one day a few weeks ago, while he was in front of his home, a woman drove up and asked if he knew where she might obtain some antiques. It is also reported that proprietors of a new antique shop not far from Farmington had asked Mrs. Lee to sell them some of her antiques.

## LAST RITES FOR DORR CATHERMAN HELD THURSDAY

### Farmington Resident Dies After Long Illness At Age Of 68

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at two o'clock for Dorra Catherman, of Grand River avenue, Farmington, who died Monday after a long illness. Mr. Catherman was 68 years old, having been born on December 14, 1850, at St. Clair, Mich. He was a farmer for all but ten years of his life. The ten years were spent in Detroit, where he was employed by the Solway company. He had lived in Farmington for 14 years.

Mr. Catherman was married to Miss Maggie Harris in 1860. Twelve children were born to them, eight surviving. Surviving Mr. Catherman are the widow, three daughters, Mrs. Lulu Lee, Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt, and Mrs. Treva Banks; five sons, Vernal, Russell, Harley, Howard, and Elmer.

## Tuition Lowered In Farmington For Next Year

### Board Approves Rate Of \$100 For High School; Plan For Biology

Tuition in the Farmington Schools will be lowered for the coming year. Reduction in the fees was decided upon by the Board of Education at its monthly meeting last Thursday evening.

The tuition for high school next year will be \$100, for the junior high school \$80, and for the grammar school \$60. This represents a substantial reduction from the fees of the year just closed, these having been \$125 for the high school, \$100 for the junior high schools, and \$75 for the lower grades.

Supt. Ralph B. Baker recommended the reduction to the Board of Education, stating that other schools nearby have rates as low as \$50 per year for high school work. Farmington has lost pupils to these schools because of high tuition rates, Supt. Baker pointed out. In the case of one nearby school, while there has been no considerable difference in tuition rates, the other school is much larger and thus able to offer a greater variety of courses.

The Board members present, Mrs. Emil Roos, Mrs. Florence Lee, Arthur Lamb and Lloyd Gulen voted unanimously for the reductions recommended.

Could Handle, More Supt. Baker pointed out that Farmington High School is just now at the stage where a considerable number of additional pupils might be accommodated without increasing the teaching force or other expense, and therefore it would be practical to offer inducements to students outside the district. Many of those who have gone to other schools prefer Farmington, Mr. Baker stated but apparently the difference in tuition rates had proved too great to be overcome.

\$450 For Biology An appropriation which will properly equip the new biology department to be instituted next fall, was authorized by the Board at the meeting. Supt. Baker was authorized to expend \$450 in preparing the new department, which will raise Farmington's rank among schools of the State.

Taking out compensation insurance on employees of the school district was voted by the Board, to protect the district in case of injury to any employee.

The Board passed an appropriation of \$100 for the purchase of pictures, advocating the policy of purchasing a few good pictures at a time, with the idea of adding more from time to time.

The Board voted also that the use of the school bus should be restricted to events in connection with the school.

A budget sheet which will probably be ready before the annual school meeting in July, is being prepared by Supt. Baker and members of the Board.

## 12 PUPILS GRADUATE

The second annual high school commencement exercises were held at Pierson School last Friday evening. The eighth grade graduating class members were Dorothy Beech, Dorothy Ash, Elizabeth Williams, Mary Ben nett, Helen Berger, Vivian Addis, Loretta Trapp, Aurelia Frantz, George Berger.

The class song, the prophecy, the will, the valedictory, the gifts, all were given by George Gulen gave the address "To Arms."

GRACE SCHOOL GRADUATES Twelve pupils were graduated from the eighth grade of the John Grace School last Thursday night. The pupils received their diplomas after a two-act play, "Sally Finds Herself," presented by the graduating class. The graduates are: Ruth Ridley, Aubrey Kennedy, Lucille Reed, Abbie Ken, Gladys Price, Mildred Zautler, Waldo Redden, Eugene Hatfield, John Labowski, Mary Bouse, Vivian Perkins and William Howser.

George Wender and Fred Walsstrom of Chicago were week end visitors at the home of Edward Seeley, as guests of Misses Esther and Winifred Seeler.